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COAL INDUSTRY ANNOUNCES PROGRESS AND 1949 PLEDGES

COAL INDUSTRY PROGRESSES -- Trud., No 110, 12 May 49

A. F. Zasyad'ko, Minister of the Coal Industry USSR, reported at the Tenth Congress of Trade Unions on the progress made by the USSR Coal Industry. He stated that the 1948 plan and the 1949 first quarter plans for coal mining had been exceeded and that the USSR had attained second place in the world in the industry. Great progress had been made in restoring mines and enterprises of the coal industry which had been destroyed during the German occupation. The Moscow coal basin had already been completely restored. The Dubas coal fields were being restored and were already producing more coal than any other coal region of the country.

Mechanization of mining had exceeded the prewar level in 1948 and was largely responsible for increased production as well as for an increase of more than 6 percent in labor productivity. Coal workers had lowered the cost of coal production more than 3.4 percent and saved 170 million rubles above the plan. During 1948 Moskvugol', Molotovugol', and Voetsibugol' had been among the coal or mines which attained the level of coal mining planned for 1950.

MINE BUILDERS REPORT, MAKE PROMISES -- Pravda, No 130, 10 May 49

In a letter to Stalin, Glavvostokshakhtostroy (Main Administration of Eastern Mine Construction), which operates in the coal regions of the Urals, Bashkir, Kazakhstan, and Siberia, reported that during 1948 it set up three electric power plants, built 120,000 square meters of living quarters and 18,000 square meters of cultural and welfare establishments, laid 108 kilometers of railroad, and built 25 kilometers of highway.

The Administration has taken on the following obligations:

Fixed coal basin: to finish and put into operation two coal mines; to put into use 44,000 square meters of living quarters; to raise labor productivity by 19 percent over the 1948 figure; to amass 2.15 million rubles of above-plan accumulations during 1949.

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Chekhovskaya coal basin: to finish and put into operation three coal mines; to put into use 43,000 square meters of living quarters; to increase labor productivity by 15 percent; to achieve 2 million rubles of above-plan accumulations during 1949.

Sverdlovsk Oblast coal basins: to finish and put into operation two coal pits; to put into use 38,000 square meters of living quarters; to raise labor productivity by 20 percent over the 1948 figure; to achieve above-plan accumulations of 1.5 million rubles during 1949.

Cheremkhovo coal basin, Irkutsk Oblast: to finish and put into operation one coal pit; to put into use 13,400 square meters of living quarters; to raise labor productivity by 10 percent over 1948; to achieve above-plan accumulations of 220,000 rubles during 1949.

Kansk coal basin, Krasnoyarsk Oblast: to complete and put into operation one coal pit; to put into use 10,500 square meters of living quarters; to raise labor productivity by 15 percent over 1948; to achieve above-plan accumulations of 550,000 rubles during 1949.

Raychikhinsk coal areas, Khabarovsk Kray: to put into use 9,300 square meters of living quarters; to raise labor productivity by 20 percent over 1948.

Coal fields of Central Asia: to finish and put into operation two coal mines and one pit; to put into use 16,000 square meters of living quarters; to raise labor productivity by 20 percent over 1948; to accumulate 1.1 million rubles above the plan.

Iermolayev coal fields, Bashkir ASSR: to put into use 12,400 square meters of living quarters; to raise labor productivity by 40 percent over 1948; to accumulate 750,000 rubles above the plan.

Workers of the Administration pledged also to fulfill the year plans for construction, assembly, and cultural welfare projects ahead of schedule.

26 NEW COAL MINES TO BE OPENED -- Pravda, No 34, 3 Feb 49

Fourteen new coal mines, having a productive capacity of more than 5 million tons of coal per year, will be put into operation in Stalino Oblast during 1949. Ten new coal mines and two open-pit coal mines will be opened in the Kuznetsk basin.

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